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Invasive Species Awareness Week

Proclamation Sample for Partners

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WHEREAS, invasive species—including noxious weeds—damage our land and water, harm our wildlife and the productivity of our natural resources, and inhibit management of those resources in **YOUR JURISDICTION**; and

WHEREAS, every year, the prevention, monitoring, and control invasive species, combined with the damage to crops, fisheries, forests, and other resources, cost the nation an estimated \$137 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, invasive species are recognized as the second greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide after habitat destruction from human development; and

WHEREAS, invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and are a significant threat to almost half of the native species listed as federally endangered, including salmon; and

WHEREAS, invasive species interfere with ecosystems by changing natural processes such as fire, water availability, flooding; and

WHEREAS, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and are becoming increasingly more difficult to prevent and control as a result of global commercialization and human travel; and

WHEREAS, prevention is far less expensive than trying to remove species once they arrive and an educated and aware public is highly effective at detecting species early;

NOW, THEREFORE, I/WE, NAME(S), JURISDICTION, do hereby proclaim February 24 to February 28, 2020 as

Invasive Species Awareness Week

in **YOUR JURISDICTION**, and **I/WE** encourage all people in our **JURISDICTION** to learn more about preventing and stopping invasive species by visiting invasivespecies.wa.gov.

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